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## Squadrons duel for bragging rights



Photo by Airman 1st Class Ryan Wilson

**Airman 1st Class Julie Kotara, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, guides a Bomb Dummy Unit-56 onto a weapons trailer.**

**By 1st Lt. Ed Gulick**  
Public Affairs

Before the Patriots and Eagles battled for the NFL championship on Sunday, the 325th and the 393rd Bomb Squadrons battled for the best B-2 squadron in the Air Force.

The event, called the Turkey Shoot, involved every aspect of B-2 operations and maintenance. From Feb. 1-3, five B-2s departed Whiteman for ranges to drop inert munitions and test the bombing skills of each pilot.

Pilots from each squadron were critiqued through pre-flight, in flight and on accuracy of their bomb drop.

Capt. Michael Walters, 509th Operations Support Squadron, planned and oversaw the operations portion of the competition.

"The squadrons are very competitive when it comes to the Turkey Shoot," the Spring, Texas, native said. "Crew members are proud of their squadrons and their heritage. The Turkey Shoot is an opportunity to build on that her-

itage and build esprit de corps."

The best squadron wins a traveling trophy to proudly display as the best B-2 squadron.

"The crews did an outstanding job and demonstrated their ability to accomplish the mission," Captain Walters said.

Yet, before each aircraft went out, maintenance and weapons loading actions were judged.

"The nature of an aircraft maintainer's job requires them to perform at 100 percent all of the time," said Senior Master Sgt. Jeff Montgomery, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

Sergeant Montgomery said the inspection pushes for greater perfection.

"Every maintenance action is scrutinized and the com-



Graphic by Senior Airman Neo Martin

petition serves to keep maintainers razor sharp," he said.

Both would rate the exercise as a complete success.

"We've proven our ability to generate combat airpower and these competitions strengthen the confidence of each maintainer selected to compete," said Sergeant Montgomery.

"The crews showed they were ready to effectively accomplish the missions we are tasked with," Captain Walters said.

The results of the competition will be announced today and published in next week's *Whiteman Spirit*.

### News in Brief

#### Roads close today

Sections of Barksdale Lane and Minuteman Drive are permanently closed and Ellsworth Lane is closed 7 a.m.- 5 p.m. Mondays- Saturdays while the area is deemed a construction zone.

#### Banquet scheduled

The 509th Bomb Wing's 2004 annual awards banquet begins 6 p.m. Feb. 25 at

Mission's End. The menu is London broil, roasted new potatoes and green beans almandine. The cost is \$15 for senior airmen and below, \$17 for Tier 2 and civilians, and \$20 for senior NCOs and officers. Nonmembers add \$2. Attire is mess dress or semi formal for military members, and coat and tie for civilians. Tickets are available from your squadron's first sergeant.

#### Pharmacy system changes

The pharmacy discontinued use of the number system Monday. To activate pre-

scriptions, check in at window one.

#### Appreciation day set

The Central Missouri State University's basketball teams host a military appreciation day Saturday. Members and their families get in free with a military identification card. The women's game starts at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. for the men's game.

#### WOSC meeting set

The Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club meets at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Mis-

sion's End. A representative from the information tickets and travel office will speak about their role at Whiteman and what Missouri and Kansas have to offer.

For reservations, contact Michelle Hunt, email [kevinandmichelle@charter.net](mailto:kevinandmichelle@charter.net) or call 563-4858 by noon, Monday.

#### Ozark Inn meal time changes

The Ozark Inn dinner meal is changed to 5- 7 p.m. Feb. 19 and closed for the Feb. 19 midnight meal. The dining facility will re-open 7 a.m. Feb. 20, for normal operating hours.



## COMMENTARY

## Commander's Corner

By Col. Chris Miller

509th Bomb Wing Commander

**TOUCHDOWN!** Our Services squadron put together a super program for last weekend, between hosting Tops in Blue Friday night, and the Super Bowl party at Mission's End on Sunday. Many thanks to all who enjoyed and supported these two events!

I also appreciate the local radio stations that advertised Tops in Blue, and helped bring several thousand of our civilian neighbors out to enjoy these brilliantly talented Air Force ambassadors.

**PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT.** Our Nuclear Surety Staff Assistance Visit this week went well, thanks to all of you who pay close attention to your programs, equipment and procedures.

We got a hard, fair outside look at the 509th in preparation for the Nuclear Surety Inspection this summer.

Now comes the challenge — integrating what we learned into our daily operations, and keeping the constant, careful and exacting attitude we need to do the job.

**THINK BEFORE YOU DO.** On Page 3 of this issue of the *Whiteman Spirit* is a story addressing a serious issue: line of duty determination.

It's tragic enough when we lose a member of the Air Force family, but that tragedy is multiplied many times

over when the loss is due to an Airmen's own negligence.

The decisions you make every day can affect not only your life, but the lives of others you leave behind. A careless decision can leave your family with nothing from the Air Force. You owe it to yourself and to those you love to read and heed this important information.

**YOUR COMMUNITY CARES.** Last week we held the monthly Base Community Council luncheon, where I had the pleasure of continuing a conversation begun earlier with BCC member Mr. Homer May.

Like all of our BCC supporters, he deeply appreciates the sacrifices made by the military throughout America's history — but his regard for what we do in today's armed forces prompted him to write an editorial for the *Warsaw, Mo.*, newspaper. His closing thoughts are worth sharing:

"The greatest generation is not one point in time but is, instead, all of those of every generation who responded to that inner call to action above and beyond duty's obligations. Some become heroes. Others' sacrifices are known only to God."

As you shoulder your responsibilities every day, here or overseas, remember how much your civilian partners value your commitment to America. Thank you for your service — and when you have a chance, thank your neighbors for their support.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

**Maj. Chase McCown, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron commander, speaks with retired Chief Master Sgt. Mel Bockelman, Base Community Council member, during the BCC luncheon.**

## Force Development: changing the education mindset

By Gen. John Jumper

Air Force Chief of Staff

Over the past few years, we have initiated a number of educational initiatives for Force Development, focusing on changing the way we develop and train our people to meet the challenges of the Expeditionary Air Force. Force Development takes a deliberate approach to providing Airmen the training and experience they need to succeed in delivering air and space power now and in the future. We must make sure Airmen get the training and education required for their specialty or area of expertise. If you need additional education or training — you will get it.

This mindset is a significant change, especially for officers. For years, Master's degrees had a significant impact on promotion potential. This must change — our focus should be on deliberate development and not "square filling." Education must be tailored to benefit Airmen in doing their jobs. Promotion is, and will continue to be, determined by your performance and demonstrated leadership potential to serve in the next higher grade.

Beginning January 2005, we will remove all academic education information, including Bachelor's degrees, from all Line of the Air Force (LAF) and Judge Advocate General (JAG) promotion boards through the rank of colonel. The

Guard and Reserve components will implement the same procedures beginning with boards convening after Jan. 1, 2006.

All Airmen should receive some form of development to assist them in their duties in higher grades and levels of responsibility. We will provide the right development venues to meet both Airmen and Air Force needs. At the same time, I'm not discouraging you from pursuing an advanced academic degree on your own. We will continue to offer tuition assistance and operate educational support offices at each base. Advanced academic degrees will no longer be a factor in the promotion process — at any level of the process: rater, senior rater, management-level, or the promotion board. The Air Force's emphasis is on job performance and for providing Airmen the right opportunities for advanced education when it is required.

This new policy will not affect Chaplain and health profession officers. Due to certification requirements, we need to continue showing academic information for these officers.

The goal is clear — develop professional Airmen who will collectively leverage their respective strengths to accomplish the Air Force mission.

You make our Air Force the best in the world. We owe it to you to provide the skills and education you need to continue to excel!



Photo by Senior Airman Neo Martin

**Tech. Sgt. David Hodges, First-Term Airmen Course instructor, briefs a class of new Whiteman members about the Air and Space Expeditionary Force and the challenges they will encounter throughout their careers.**

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Photo by Master Sgt. John Snow

## Ready to ship

Airman 1st Class Elizabeth Gould, 379th Expeditionary Logistics Squadron, prepares a fuel tank for shipment Jan. 17. Airman Gould is deployed to Southwest Asia from Whiteman Air Force Base, Mo., and is a member of the 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron.

## NITLD costs family \$192,000

A recent Ground Safety fatality briefing pointed out the Airman involved was found Not In The Line of Duty due to personal misconduct which resulted in his death.

The divorced Airman's son received \$250,000 from Service Members Group Life Insurance which is in a Trust account until he turns 18. The son also received a death gratuity of \$6,000 and he will receive Social Security benefits on a monthly basis.

However, based on the NITLD determination, the child will not receive the following:

- ✓ Member's son will not receive the initial annuity.

This is paid to a surviving dependent. It is equal to 55 percent of the retired base-pay as a "survivor benefit plan," which is retired pay computed for total disability if the death was in the line of duty.

- ✓ Member's son will not receive VA Dependency and Indemnity Compensation benefits.

These are payments authorized for surviving spouses who have not remarried, unmarried children under age 18, disabled children, and children between the age of 18 and 23 if attending a VA-approved school.

The DIC payments are not based on the member's pay grade and are payable to the spouse for life, as long as the spouse does not remarry. The current monthly payment is \$948 — per Public Law 103-418. The amount paid for a spouse with one or more children of the deceased is increased for each child; the current monthly amount per child is \$237.

- ✓ Member's son will not receive basic allowance for housing.

This benefit is reserved for eligible family members occupying government housing on the date the member dies where family members may continue to occupy such housing without charge for a period of 180 days, provided member's death was in the line of duty.

If the family members are not occupying government housing, they may receive BAH or an overseas housing allowance for 180 days after the member's death.

As a direct result of the parent's personal misconduct and unfortunate death, this child will lose approximately \$2,000 per month or \$24,000 a year.

In this case, this equates to approximately \$192,000, and if the member's son attends college, benefits lost could equal as much as \$264,000.

During 2004, Air Force-wide, there were 24 cases involving NITLD; 11 of the 24 cases resulted in death, eight of the 24 cases involved POV accidents, and seven of the eight POV cases involved motorcycle or ATV accidents.

Alcohol use was the common denominator in every case.

"Alcohol abuse is common when finding "not in line of duty," but it also can be other dangerous behavior. You can have fun, but always be responsible — whether you're drinking or engaging in other activities.

"There's no reason for you to lose out on thousands of dollars worth of benefits if you're injured or for your family to lose out if you're killed," said Capt. Adam Slaughter, 509th Bomb Wing judge advocate. "Just be responsible!"



Photo by 1st Lt. Ed Gulick

## Gettin' ready

Maj. Mike Pyburn, Detachment 12 commander, assists Col. Bruce Townsend, Air Combat Training Support Squadron commander, with getting strapped into a T-28 simulator during egress training for a T-38 flight. Colonel Townsend visited Whiteman Feb. 7-8 for a staff assistance visit to Det. 12.

## Children's Dental Health Month — teeth and fluoride

By Capt Sara Hogge

509th Medical Operations Squadron

Over the past 50 years, public water fluoridation has been responsible for decreasing cavities in baby teeth by 60 percent and by 35 percent in adult teeth. This benefit reaches everyone in a community regardless of access to dental care or economic status.

Permanent adult teeth develop between conception and age 16. During this time, ingested fluoride becomes incorporated throughout every layer of a developing tooth, making the tooth very hard and resistant to cavities.

The American Dental Association currently recommends fluoride supplementation for children under 16 years of age who live in areas where water supplies contain less than 0.7 parts per million fluoride.

On Whiteman, the water supply contains 0.76 parts per million fluoride.

The dental clinic also monitors drinking water fluoride concentrations in the surrounding local communities. Currently, Holden, Concordia and Knob Noster have less than the recommended levels of fluoride in the water. If you live in one of these communities and you have children under 16, you should consider fluoride supplementation.

After the age of 16, fluoride supplementation is not recommended, but fluoridated toothpaste and drinking water is essential. By using fluoridated toothpaste and drinking fluoridated water, already developed adult teeth can also receive fluoride benefits because fluoride becomes incorporated into the outer layer of adult teeth, making them stronger too.

Also, some brands of bottled water do not contain the recommended level of fluoride, so read the label!

Water fluoridation benefits everyone, making baby and adult teeth stronger and more resistant to cavities. Fluoride supplementation for all eligible military beneficiaries can be obtained by calling the 509th Medical Group pediatrics clinic at 687-4321. For more details, visit <http://www.ADA.org>.

## Save yourself a trip

Airman 1st Class Shawn Kier, 509th Security Forces Squadron, accesses the Air Force Virtual Education Center Web site to request tuition assistance online. Whiteman is a test base for the new system that allows Air Force members to apply for tuition assistance from any government workstation. The AFVEC website can be accessed by visiting <https://afvec.langlely.af.mil>. For more details, call Larry Broudrick at 687-2420.



Photo by Master Sgt. Dee Ann Poole

# Air Force Assistance Fund begins Wednesday

By Senior Airman Neo Martin

Public Affairs

Air Force members helping each other is what the Air Force Assistance Fund relies on. The donation drive begins here Wednesday and ends March 29.

The 32nd annual AFAF campaign is made to raise money for charitable organizations that benefit active-duty, Reserve, Guard and retired members and their families, including surviving spouses and their families. Charities receive 100 percent of the funds donated.

Capt. Adam Ratley, 509th Munitions Squadron, is the overall project officer.

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**2nd Lt. Mark Matthews**, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron, 687-3894,

**Master Sgt. Yolanda Newton**, 715th Weapons School, 687-1119,

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**Tech. Sgt. James Esarey**, 509th Medical Support Squadron, 687-1194,

**Bob Berger**, 509th Mission Support Squadron/ 509th BW, 687-7132,

**Tech. Sgt. Paris Everson**, 509th Contracting Squadron, 687-1172,

**Airman 1st Class Janice Prudente**, 509th Comptroller Squadron, 687-7911,

**1st Lt. Thomas Woodring**, 509th Communications Squadron, 687-5011,

**2nd Lt. Rachel Hamlyn**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron,

**2nd Lt. John Garvey**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, 687-6197,

**1st Lt. Linda Youngstrand**, 509th Security Forces Squadron, 687-1350,

**Senior Airman Steven Davis**, 509th Services Squadron, 687-5469,

**Master Sgt. Richard O’Brien**, 509th Maintenance Group, 687-2033,

**2nd Lt. Scott Orme**, 509th Maintenance Operations Squadron/ Maintenance

Group, 687-4531,

**Master Sgt. James Hawkins**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, 687-3731,

**Master Sgt. Brad Case**, 509th MUNS, 687-3095,

**Staff Sgt. Rebecca Boden**, 509th Operations Group/ 509th Operations Support Squadron, 687-2635,

**Senior Airman Joshua Buckholts**, 325th Bomb Squadron, 687-4821,

**2nd Lt. Phyllis Pelky**, 393rd Bomb Squadron, 687-1520,

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# Officers to wait longer for promotion results

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — A recent policy change may result in officers waiting an additional two to six months for promotion board results.

The policy will not, however, affect actual promotion pin-on dates.

The Senate Armed Services Committee previously confirmed promotion lists within three months of the board, regardless of the actual pin-on dates.

Under the old procedures, the Air Force secretary and chief of staff were briefed on the results of promotion boards, and the list continued through the coordination process to the secretary of defense for approval. Once approved, the results were released to the public, regardless of when the first promotion increment occurred, offi-

cials said.

Once publicly released, the nomination was released to the White House and then to the Senate committee. The nomination lists remained in the committee until 90 days before the first promotion date and then sent to the full Senate for confirmation.

The new procedures will remain the same up to the point where they go to the secretary of defense. At that point, any list of Airmen not scheduled for promotion within 9 months will be returned to the Air Force Personnel Center and held until the first day of the ninth month before the promotions begin. The nomination package will then be returned to Secretary of Defense for signature and released to the public.

This change is expected to affect a small number of boards and competitive categories, personnel center officials said.

Based on the current five-year promotion plan, this new procedure will delay the release of the 2004 major officer line and nurse corps boards by four and six months, respectively. The tentative release of the line officer results is May 2005. The nurse corps release is tentatively projected for July 2005.

All other competitive categories will be released on time, officials said. In addition, they anticipate no impact to the 2005 board releases.

For more information, visit [www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/off-prom/](http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/off-prom/).

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Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

**Airman 1st Class Gina Benally, 509th Munitions Squadron, gives money to her mother, Regina, who is raising four children at the Navajo Nation Reservation.**

## Rising to blue

509er departs home for better life



**By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan**

Public Affairs

She didn't want the desert to swallow her.

Not that Gina Benally didn't love her northwestern New Mexico home, or her four brothers and sisters that shared her dark hair, dark eyes and Navajo heritage.

But she knew her hometown, Shiprock, N.M., had a way of keeping its inhabitants. Once the desert has you, it doesn't let go, said the 19-year-old airman first class.

She said most of Shiprock's natives never leave its borders, partly because of poverty and few educational and career opportunities.

She wanted to leave behind the drunken father she hardly knew; the dry, sweltering heat of the Southwest and the anxiety of an uncertain tomorrow.

"Seeing how my dad is now — it's not how I want to be," Airman Benally said of her father, who is serving time in a state prison for multiple cases of alcohol abuse. "After seeing how my mom struggled to raise me and my brothers and sisters — I didn't want to be like that."

She had grown sick of watching her mother, Regina, return to their one-story home weary from working two jobs, 60 hours a week to support Airman Benally and her four siblings. Airman Benally, the eldest of the children, worried each day if her mother could pay the family's bills or whether her younger siblings would have clothes.

Then, a friend from her high school told her about the Air Force. It was a chance to provide for herself, her family and serve her country.

"I thought it would be a good opportunity," said the 509th Munitions Squadron member. "I just knew this was a way out of staying there and becoming like everybody else. I wanted to see what I can do with my life."

The winter during her senior year at Shiprock High, Airman Benally enlisted in the Air Force. After receiving a job as a munitions systems apprentice, she attended technical training at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, before arriving at Whiteman in the fall of 2003.

Now she plans to take advantage of opportunities her old life never gave her: free education, economic stability and most importantly, giving her mother and younger siblings little things they never enjoyed.

"She's extremely motivated," said her supervisor, Staff Sgt. Michael Dixon. "Out of all the young Airmen I've seen, she's the quickest (learner)."

"Before it was, 'How's my mom going to pay for this, how's she going to pay for that,'" Benally said. "I was thinking about all the stuff my mom wouldn't have enough to pay for. I'm better off now than I was before."

Airman Benally is still deciding whether to make the Air Force her career or pursue her dream of becoming an athletic trainer.

"I'm glad I'm not stuck (at home) where you can't do anything with your life," she said.

And, out of the desert's grasp.



## VALENTINE MESSAGES

Happy Birthday – Valentine's Day boy! You're a sweetheart every day of the year, and an excellent husband and daddy. Love, Christine



Callie, I love you! From, Mark.

Sean and Bubba, I love you and Happy Valentine's Day. – Melissa

Louis, Thanks for 16 great years! Look forward to another 16 years! I love you, Susan

Daddy, I love you – You're the best! Love, Kayla

Tim – to the man of my life, Loving you more and more every year – 10 years strong. Love, Tina

To my family, Deborah and Elizabeth, Happy Valentine's Day! With all my love and heart, Steve

Gabrielle and Gavin – Daddy loves you! Happy Valentine's Day!

Millie, I couldn't have had a more blessed 16 years. All my love, Max

Diane, I love you! Wear the red outfit. – Brian

Nancy, Ayrssa and Rhianna, to the ladies of the house who are all such gems. With all my love, samiam

Randy, I just want to say thank you for all the wonderful things you do for me. I love you! – Andrea

Laura, I'm always thinking of you! Be my Valentine! – The Lodge member

Rob, You mean the world to me. I love you more than anything. – Allison

Joann-K – Thank you for a precious 23-year honeymoon, until you went to be with Jesus June 14, 2003. My special Valentine, Herman-K

Johnny Roberts – Even though we're apart, oceans can't divide love in the heart. For you, I'm waiting with open arms. Love, Rachel

Justin – Thank you for giving me continual support, stability and reasons to smile! Come what may, I love you! – Melissa

Kimberly Jean, I'm the luckiest man to have you! Thank

you so much for believing. Eternally yours, Jason

Ken and Deanne Koyles, Happy V Day! From, Your future daughter-in-law, Mary

Jennifer, I love you and thank you for being in my life. Your husband, Simon

Mathew, Alyssa and Troy – We love you! – Mom and Dad

Jordan and Logan Starks, You are the love and joy of life to your daddy and mommy! We love you!

Darrell, I want to tell you that I love you now, forever and every day in between. Love, Kim

KISA – You took my breath away 14 years ago ... And I'm still trying to catch it! ILY!! Princess

Steve – It's been a tough year. Thanks for being with me every step of the way. You're a true valentine. All my love, Dee Ann

Jonathan – You light up our life. We're blessed and proud you're our son. Will you be our valentine? Love, Daddy and Mommy

Megan -- Mommy and Daddy love you all the way up to the sky. Thanks for falling to earth little angel!

Adam, Thank you always for your love and support! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Katie and Woody

Dear Theresa – I will always love you. Thanks for the last 20 years. Love, John

Christie Haskins – Thank you for being a wonderful friend. You're always there for me. I couldn't do this without you. – Rachel

Dear Dad, I love you and hope you have a great Valentine's Day! Love, Britny

J.R., We love you so much! -- Lisa and Sam



David C. Parks -- Happy Valentine's Day! I love you.

Thank you for loving me, Dada. Love, Savannah P.S. Mama loves you too.

Josh Haskins -- Thank you for being the best friend I could ever ask for. You're truly a blessing. I love you.

John Jones – Even though we don't always see eye to eye, every time I look at you I love you even more.

Melissa – You are a great wife. I love you most! – Andre

Bailey, Becca and Tori – I love you sooo much! – Mom

Brian, Thanks for being such a good husband. I love you and Happy Valentine's Day! I love you. Love, Christina

Rachel Roberts – No matter how tough things may be, I'll always be there to ride the storm out with you. – Christie

Brad -- We are lucky to have a great kid like you! Maybe we'll get you a car someday!! Love, Dad and Mom

Daddy, I love you a lot and thank you for all of your support. Love, Iris

Daddy, I love you and just wanted to let you know it. Keep being the great father you are. Love, Britt

John -- Thank you for a wonderful life and three beautiful children. I love you. – Stacy

Daddy – You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. You make me happy when skies are grey. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Layla

Studley, Love is good. Love is real. Love is us. I love you more everyday if that's possible. -- RM

Bo -- After 18 years, you still make my heart skip a beat. Happy Valentine's Day! I love you always, Rush

Susan -- On this 35th anniversary of our first date, let me say I love you and thanks for all you do! Love, Fred

Hey Damian, You're my favorite guy in the whole wide world! Love, Mom

Hey Alli, I love you way more! -Mommy

Hey Ronnie! Even after almost 10 years, I still like ya a lil bit! Luv, Pudems

Brayden, Happy Valentine's Day, Bubby! We love you so much!! Uncle Jay and Aunt Jugee, Rob

Avery -- Daddy and I are so happy you are in our lives! Thank you for making our dreams come true!! Love, Daddy and Mommy

Dan, DJ, Elizabeth and Sam – I love God for you and His love! Love, Mom

Hannah Delph – Happy Valentine's Day, sis!

Christina Hankins, my soul mate – It was by chance we met and our union bonds us

forever. Love you eternally, Paul

Dad -- I love you very much. I can't imagine anyone else taking your place. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Kacee



Rob -- Even though you left me, you'll always be my little baby boy! Happy Valentine's Day! Love you bunches, Mom

Laney and Bailey, We love you girls so much! Happy Valentine's Day!! Love, Uncle Jay, Aunt Jugee, Brad and Avery

Honey, It's been a crazy year and I wouldn't change it for anything! Thank you for my baby girl!! Love, Me

To the world, you might be one person, Yasir, but to one person, you might be the world.

Tee-tee – I appreciate your sweetness and kindness. The best thing about Valentine's Day is sharing it with you. Hugs and kisses -- PJ

To my daddy, RJ – Life is ruff, but you make it better! Love, Baxter

Corinna – Another valentine's is here and I still fall in love with you every day. Honey, you're the greatest. – David.

Mom – Thanks for always being there for us and taking care of us. We love you! -- Jonathan, David, Brian and Kevin.

Tony, Rin and Kira – I love you! Happy Valentine's Day! Happy Birthday, Kira.

Pagerine Jackson – I love my mom very much. She is the best mother in the world. I hope she has the best valentine.

Mallory – This past year has been amazing! Come visit me at Eglin this summer. Happy Valentine's Day, my sweet! – Woody

Aaron Brachle – I love you with all my heart. You mean the world to me. Love you with all my heart, Ashley.

Betty – Thank you for being my most beautiful wife and valentine for the past 52 years. Love, John

Dad – I love my dad very much. He means the world to me. I hope he has the best

Valentine's Day ever! – Kaley Luvbug -- We love you past the moon and back. -- Sweety and Baby Mila

Mom, I love and treasure you so much. I could not have asked for a better friend. Love you, Kacee

SrA. Parrish, You are my everything and I thank God everyday that we found each other. I love you! -- Jennifer.

Danielle – We love you with all our hearts. Love, Mom and Dad

Dustin – We love you with all our hearts. Love, Mom and Dad

Happy Valentine's Day to our three beautiful daughters, Ariana, Kylie and Caitlin! Mommy and Daddy love you so much.

Jamie – Happy Valentine's Day! Love always, Lorie

Happy Valentine's Day, Derek! I miss you, and love you with all my heart. – Mary



Janola -- You came into our lives as the greatest valentine of all! Happy Birthday! Love, Daddy.

Kenny -- Happy Valentine's Day to the sweetest husband in the world! I love you! See you soon! Love always, your wife, A

Theresa – Thank you for all the love through the years and continued love. Love, Jim

Colton and Missy – I wanted to say Happy Valentine's Day! Make it a good one with lots of joy.

Michelle Sarabia – I wish I was home with you. I love you. – Jon

Mom – I love you. Love, Hayley

Beverly Collier – You mean the world to me. I love you with all my heart. – D.C.

Joe, Roscoe and Riley – Love you hobedo! Love, Mommy.

Yvonne, Just wanted to let everyone know I love you. Love, Bo

Robin, Brian and Boone – Happy Valentine's Day! Love ya, Baillie

James Delph – Happy Valentine's Day, Dad!

Paul – You make my dreams come true. Love ya, Kris

Angelia -- Happy V-Day! Love, your hubby and two identical sons born September 1998 and October 2002.

My mom and dad – I love you. Happy Valentine's Day! – Wilhelm

Dad and Julie – I wanted to say I love you and care about you, and wish you a Happy Valentine's Day!

Megan – Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Mom

Hannah – Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Mom

Jordan – Happy Valentine's Day! We love you very much. You light up our world every day. Love, Grandma and Grandpa

Heidi Cruz – To the best wife in the world. No one equals you. Happy Valentine's Day! I love you. – Cesar

LRS – Thank you for defending out country! Be brave! You're wonderful! Happy Valentine's Day! We love you! –Panther 4-H

Laura Delph – Happy Valentine's Day, Mom!

Susan, Jesse, Joshua and Lyndsey – I wish you all a fantastic Valentine's Day, and think about you all of the time! Miss and love you all! – Mark (Dad)

To you, Ronald James, on Valentine's Day! My love grows for you more and more every day. With unconditional love, Tamika

John – You've opened up your heart and shared what's treasured there, I'll handle the beauty of your spirit and soul with care. Love you, Mysun's

Brittany Woods – Hey surprise! Just thought I would tell you that I'm thinking of you and love you whole bunches more! – Justin

Thanks for being a fun dad and understanding husband and always being there for us. We love you.



Chad -- HITYLTILY? I do! Still?

Always! Cindy

Happy Valentine's Day, Daddy! We love you so much! Love always, Elijah and Jesiah James

TB – I love you with all my heart. I can't wait to see you again. Love your, TB

Kaylee, Anna and Joseph – Love you! You are my sunshine-peanut-fatman. Love, Mommy

Julie Joe and Riley – Love bunches, Daddy

Miguel – Your all I could ever ask for. I thank God for you every day! Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Allyson

Happy Valentine's Day to the awesome youth of Whiteman! From the youth center recreation staff, Ms. Mary, Erin, Tandy, Katrina, Connie and Mr. Carl

To an amazing husband – My love deepens each day. I'm blessed to be your wife and for your endless devotion and support. Love, RB&Ka-Ka

Happy Valentine's Day, Briana! I love you more than anything. Love always, Mommy

Bunny – I love you and missed you. Thank you for making me a happy mom and wife. Love, Peaches

Penny – I love you and appreciate everything you do. You are the kindest person I know. All my love, Mike

Weefay -- Thanks for 12 awesome years, 3 great kids, and lots of grace, patience and love. We are blessed. – Don



Shalai -- Happy Valentine's Day! Hip hop. You have made me so happy. You are the base! Love, Charles

Marcus – Happy Valentine's Day! I love you tons. Love, Mom

Maddie – Mommy and Daddy loves you always.

Theo, my love – After 50 years of marriage, you still make my heart beat like crazy. I love you, Betty

K – I'm truly yours. Every moment we share is to short.

Ethan – Thank you for always

being there for me! I'll love you forever and always ... – Laura & ... :-)

M.S. – You gonna eat your tots? Happy Valentine's Day! – L, J and C

To our papacito, who has done so well in his life and career. We are very proud of you. Love, Dad and Mom



Elizabeth – Happy Valentine's Day! I love you ... Forever (infinity X2) – Eddie

Cheyenne and Hailey – We love you girls so much. You give us the best family ever. Love, Mommy and Daddy

LBBBT -- You are the love of my life and better than any hero a romance novelist could dream up. -- Wifey

Jon – I love you more today than yesterday but less than I will tomorrow. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Lindsey

Bill – To my sweetheart. No matter the distance between us, you're in my heart every day. I luv ya! – Ellen

Love you, Buddy. – Lori

Eddie – We love you! Thanks for all you do for us on a daily basis! XOXO, Liz, Alanna and Spencer

Happy Valentine's Day Daddy! We love you so much! Love always, Elijah & Jesiah James

To my Favorite cowboy, Daniel. You are the best Valentine's present a girl could ask for! Your princess, Renee

Christen and Cara – Happy Valentine's Day. We love you, Mom and Dad

Tammy, Hopefully this will be our last Valentine's Day apart. I love and miss you with all my heart. Gordon

We love and miss you! See you soon! Love Always, Becca and Kaylee (Miss you Daddy!)

KB – Your snuggles keep me warm, your love keeps me strong, you are my mate forever and ever. Love, Beast

D.A.N. "My man," Happy Valentine's Day, "you" are in for a much deserved treat! I

have the plans! Love M.E.N.

A1C Cora Taylor – "A mother and wife who is always in our heart, she's the love of our life, even though we're apart." Love, Shane and Coralyn



SrA Parrish – You are my everything and I thank God everyday that we found each other. I LOVE YOU! – Jennifer

Leila – Happy Valentine's Day ... I love you and am so lucky to have you. – Brandon

\*NSYNC – "If only..." - the hardest words in the English language to both say and hear. In Rut, Beyonce

APE – I love ya- not the cats ;^)

Lena Walker – Happy Valentine's Day. Your secret admirer.

Lori Walsh – Happy Valentine's Day. Your secret admirer

Dear Blooms, You didn't buy me flowers you bought me the whole shop. Love Petals

Renee, I love working withyou. Except when there is a scissor incident. Love Mom

Eric and Kari – Happy Valentine's Day We love you and miss you. Dad and Mom

Mike I love you with all my heart. Thanks for being a great husbandand father. Love Johnna

Happy Valentine's Day Khaalis! I love you!

Happy Valentine's Day, Shelby, Vincent, Nevan, William and Dwayne – Love, Mom

Thanks for the safe ride from point "A" to point "B" – Love Pepper Hot

Hey Vanessa – Be my Valentine and let's have a drink.

To three of the best Valentine's Amanda, Heathe and Jonathan. Love always Mom and Dad.

Ace, Thank you for 10 great years. I hope we can share 99 and-a-half more. Love you forever. Tonya

Michelle the Goddess Veal.

Will you be my Valentine? From your secret admirer.

Top the loves of my life, My daughters Janel, Aimee and CoryAnn Happy Valentine's Day – Mom

Maredith, I love you more today than yesterday but not as much as tomorrow. Looking fooward to many more years together – Love Larry

Mommy, love is you waking me up each morning with your beautiful smile. Love Sam

Lisa – Marrying you was the best decision I ever made. Have a wonderful Valentines day Love J.R.

The crew of BCI – Happy Valentine's day – Michelle

To Bldg 705, P.O.L and the kids of Endevor Hall, Happy V day Michelle Your BCI cleaner.

There's something special about our valentine! He's our daddy too! Daddy, we love you! -- Kody, Reagan, Kolton and Kieghan.



Purple is created by mixing red and blue. I was created to love all of you! Happy Valentine's Day! XOXOX

Jim Veal Happy Valentine's Day. Yet another one apart. Thanks for the Flowers. Michelle Veal

Firetrucks are red, airplanes are gray, our dad is the greatest! What else can we say? – Alexander and Sean

Jon – I love you more today than yesterday but less than I will tomorrow. Happy Valentine's Day! Love, Lindsay

To an amazing husband, my love deepens each day. I am blessed to be your wife and for you devotion and support. Love, RB & Ka-Ka

James Veal – Daddy come home soon. We miss and love you! – Jordan, Robert, Ciaran and Kile

Gonzo, thank you for being the only one to truly love me. I love you and miss you so much. Happy V day! MUAH!!!





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## What's happening

### Assessment survey set

The base training and education services flight is conducting a needs assessment survey to gauge the educational needs of the Whiteman community. Active duty military, dependents, civilians, and contractors are asked to complete the survey. To access the survey, visit <https://afvec.langley.af.mil/> click on "Take the Survey." Feedback and comments are vital in ensuring the base training and education services flight offers programs that fit your needs.

### Scholarship applications now available

The Whiteman Officer and Enlisted spouses' clubs 2005 spousal education award application is now available. Applicants must be a high school graduate or possess a GED to be eligible and must be a spouse of an active duty military member, a guard or reserve member, a retired military member, of a deceased or POW/MIA member. Applicants must have the following items completed by March 15:

- ✓ A completed and signed application.
- ✓ A letter of recommendation from an adult that is not a relative.
- ✓ A short, typed essay written by the applicant outlining personal goals you seek to obtain from further education and why you are applying for this scholarship.

Applications for high school seniors are also available. These can be acquired at the education center, the library and area high school guidance counseling offices. For more details, call Kristen Brechwald at 747-3833.

### MSA to conduct inventory

The Munitions Storage Area will conduct a 100 percent inventory Feb. 28 - March 4. All requests should be scheduled by Feb. 22. Only valid emergency issue requests will be processed during the duration of the inventory. For more details, call munitions accountability at 687-4465 or 687-4456.

### Air Force volunteer award nominations

Nominations for the Air Force Volunteer Excellence Award are due to the FSC by March 11.

The Air Force Volunteer Excellence Award was established to recognize federal civilians, family members, and military and federal retirees who perform outstanding volunteer community service of a sustained, direct and consequential nature. Because of its significance, only four people from Whiteman will be recognized during the annual volunteer reception April 27. For more information, call Bob Berger at 687-1222.

### Spouses training classes

The Air Force Aid Society is paying for training classes to teach entry-level employment skills to spouses of active-duty Air Force members. The goal of the training is to enhance immediate employment opportunities.

Classes include medical terminology at State Fair Community College, Microsoft Office at SFCC, career orientation and workplace skills at Central Missouri State University, and Kitchen Production at CMSU.

Sign-ups for these classes are on a first-come, first-served basis, and are limited to 10 students each and one class per spouse. However, spouses can place their name on a waiting list for any other class of their choice.

To sign up and for more information, contact the FSC, at 687-7132.

### Pre-retirement briefing set

A pre-retirement briefing for people retiring from the military begins at 8 a.m. Monday. For more details, call the military personnel flight at 687-1500 or 687-6720.

### FSC offers financial refresher

A financial briefing for senior airmen and below not attending the First-Term Airmen Center begins at 1 p.m. Monday. For reservations, call the FSC at 687-7132.

### WIC representative visits base

A WIC representative is available beginning at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday. WIC includes nutrition education, health promotion and a supplemental food program to help women, infants and children who have nutritional needs. For more details, call the WIC office in Warrensburg at 747-2012.



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Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

**Col. Patrick Cord, 442nd Fighter Wing commander, holds the Over 30 League Intramural Championship, as 442nd FW players celebrate Feb. 4.**

# 442nd FW wins Over 30 title

**By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan**  
Public Affairs

Call them the Los Angeles Lakers of Over 30 League basketball.

The 442nd Fighter Wing won the Whiteman Over 30 League Championship Feb. 4 at the fitness center for the third consecutive season.

This year’s victim: the 509th Communications Squadron.

CS never got any closer than five points, as the 442nd (10-1, 3-0 in the tournament) cruised to a 46-32 win Feb. 4 at the fitness center.

Fueled by hot shooting from guard Ron Clark who drained his first four shots, the 442nd jumped to a 24-16 lead and never looked back.

“(Ron Clark) kind of surprised us,” said 442nd FW coach Carl Clark (no relation). “He came out and shot better than he has in awhile. He wasn’t the dominant player, but in that game he was the dominant player.”

Kelly Askew led all scorers with 20, Ron Clark chipped with 12 points, and Donald Butler had 10. William Hall led CS with 12 points.

With mostly the same core of players during the 442nd’s three-year run, Carl Clark said it worked out to the team’s advantage.

“We know what each other’s roles are and we know how to play with each other pretty well. Each person understands their role and limitations. We’ve got some really outstanding players.”

Coach Clark said Kelly Askew, the squad’s leading scorer at about 14 points per game, was the team’s most consistent player.

“He put pressure on defenses more than anyone else on the team,” Coach Clark said.

## Basketball standings

Intramural League (Final)

<u>Team</u>	<u>Wins</u>	<u>Losses</u>
CS	10	0
SFS	8	2
MXS	8	2
CES	7	3
AMXS	6	4
MUNS	5	5
OSS	5	5
LRS	3	7
CONS/CPTS	1	9
CES Fire Dpt.	1	9
393rd BS	1	9





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## Sports & Recreation

**Stars & Strikes**  
**687-5114**

### Valentine's day tournament

A sweetheart scotch doubles tournament takes place 6 p.m. on Monday. The cost is \$15 per couple. Prizes will be awarded. Sign up by today.

**Outdoor Recreation**  
**687-5565**

### Overtime rock climbing

Open climbing is available 5:30-9 p.m. Feb. 18 for certified climbers. A certification class takes place 6-8 p.m. The course for new climbers will show basic rock climbing skills, encourage teamwork and use of equipment.

### Wall climbing class

A certification class takes place 9-11 a.m. Feb. 19. The course for new climbers will show basic rock climbing skills, encourage teamwork and use of equipment.

### Military appreciation days

Snow Creek Resort, in Weston, Mo., offers Military Appreciation Days Wednesdays through Feb. 23. A shuttle to the resort leaves outdoor recreation at 10:15 a.m. Wednesday. Transportation costs \$5 per person or \$15 for a family of four. Active-duty military members get a free ski and lift pass; dependents or any other military classification with a valid ID get discounted rates. Bring snacks and lunch, or money to buy from the snack shop. The bus will leave the resort by 7:45 p.m. and return to base by 10 p.m. Call for more details.

### Couples Ice Skating

Take your sweetheart to the Ice Sports Arena 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Feb. 26. The cost of \$10 includes transportation and skating. Bring money for lunch and snacks. Sign up by Feb. 24.

**Mission's End**  
**687-4422**

### Membership Night

Members can take advantage of the week's \$1 special 5-7 p.m. today. Tonight's special is Mariner's Catch.

### Sunday afternoon brunch

Brunch will be offered 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 27. The menu includes: scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, biscuits and gravy, roast beef, seafood (baked or grilled), rice, mashed potatoes, vegetables, salad, fruit, desserts and drinks. Brunch is offered for \$10 for people ages 13 and older, \$8 for ages 6-12 and \$2 for ages 5 and younger. Club members and their families receive \$2 off.

### Country Music Night

Join friends to enjoy country music 7-11 p.m. Saturday in the Ballroom at The Mission's End. This is a free event.

**Tickets & Travel**  
**687-5643**

It's cruise time at Tickets & Travel. Sato Travel announced 2005 cruise specials are available through this office. Stop by the new location inside the skills development center. Hours of operation are Tuesdays - Saturdays 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

## Valentine's Day Events

### The Mission's End

Couples can enjoy social hour at 6 p.m. and a dinner at 6:30 p.m. Monday. Each lady will receive a rose. One lucklady will win a diamond heart necklace and one lucky gentleman will win a pass for his family to the Great Wolf Lodge. The cost for this event is \$100 per couple or \$130 with a room at the Whiteman Inn. Prizes are sponsored in part by Bischel Jewelry, Great Wolf Lodge, The Bloomin Bomber & The Flower Peddler.

### Valentine's day tournament

A sweetheart scotch doubles tournament takes place 6 p.m. on Monday. The cost is \$15 per couple. Prizes will be awarded. Sign up by today.

## Community Activities

**Skills Development Center**  
**687-5691**

### Custom frame sale

The skills development center offers a 20 percent discount on all orders placed and paid for during February.

### Craft fair

A craft fair and adult art show takes place 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Feb 19 at Mission's End. There is no vendor fee. Vendors are asked to display, sell and actively demonstrate how they create their crafts. Participants must sign up at the skills development center by Feb. 18.

**Community Center**  
**687-5617**

### Adopt a veteran, help a hero

During February, veterans will be matched with a young person stationed at Whiteman. This person should visit their veteran at least one hour a week. Each person must complete a brief questionnaire to volunteer.

### XTreme board games

Play extreme board games 6-10 p.m. today at the community center. Games include, "Axis & Allies," "Risk," "Civilization" and more.

**Veterinary Clinic**  
**687-2667**

### Help prevent the heartbreak of lost pets

Each year more than 10 million pets are lost. Half of all dogs and 75-percent of all cats are without collars by the time they arrive at animal shelters. The veterinary clinic offers a microchip clinic 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Tuesday to help protect your pet if it becomes lost. This is a safe, simple and effective method that ensures your pets' identification for life. The cost is \$15 per pet. Visit the vet clinic at 401 Lockbourne Terrace between 9 a.m-3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or 8:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**Family Child Care**  
**687-1180**

### Extended Duty Care

Register now for the extended duty care program. It is available to help parents meet child care requirements for extra duty hours and child care emergencies. Care is provided in a contracted, licensed family child care home to augment regular care arrangements. An application must be completed prior to participation. Call for more details.

**Youth Center**  
**687-5586**

### Kids with heart

The Boys and Girls Club Tsunami relief benefit takes place 6-9 p.m. today at the youth center. Participants can play bingo, cookie decorating, face painting, watch a magic and comedy show and more; cost is \$2 per person or \$5 for a family. Children age 9 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. Sign up by Thursday at the youth center.

### Valentine's party

A party takes place 6-10 p.m. Saturday at the youth center for Kindergarten through seventh graders. The cost is \$7 for members and \$8.50 for nonmembers.

### Trip to the Great American Gymnastics

Second through seventh graders can join friends at the youth center 5:30-10 p.m. Feb. 18 for a van ride to Blue Springs, Mo. Youths will be provided a sack lunch. At the center, youth can climb the rock wall, play slam dunk basketball, use the inflatable slides, rope swings and more. The cost is \$7 for members and \$8.50 for nonmembers.

**Teen Center**  
**687-5819**

### Snow Creek ski trip

Teens take a ski trip 9 a.m. Feb. 19 - noon Feb. 20 to Snow Creek Resort in Weston, Mo. Teens will eat dinner and spend the night at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., lodging. The \$10 fee includes lift pass, ski rental, lodging, transportation and dinner. Bring money for extra snacks and breakfast. Sign up by today.

### Sweetheart dance

A sweetheart dance will be held 9 p.m.-midnight Saturday at the community center. The cost is \$1 for members and \$2 for nonmembers.

**Child Development Center**  
**687-5588**

### Drop-in care

The CDC has drop-in care for all ages during regular operating hours on a space-available basis. Call for a reservation as it is subject to availability.

## Movie Schedule

### Friday

**Fat Albert**  
**7 p.m.** **PG-13**  
Starring- Kenan Thompson & Kyla Pratt

### Saturday

**White Noise**  
**7 p.m.** **R**  
Starring- Michael Keaton & Chandra West

### Sunday

**White Noise**  
**5:30 p.m.** **R**  
Starring- Michael Keaton & Chandra West

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75  
Movie Recording Line: 687-5110  
Movies subject to change due to availability.

For current and future movie listings log on to <http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.htm>.